

**VISTA METALS CORP**

—ALUMINUM ALLOYS—

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Mr. Stephen D. Herrera  
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California Regional Water  
Quality Control Board  
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Dear Mr. Herrera:

This is in answer to your letter to me of November 25, 1977, in regards to Mr. John Silva's visit with us of November 3, 1977.

His visit concerned an alleged acid waste discharge to the ground. While we are at a considerable variance with Mr. Silva's very high quantity estimate of 300 gallons per week, we did agree to cease the ground discharge at once, and we have ceased.

We have had the operation in question down for repairs to the furnace for the past two weeks so we have had no water to dispose of. We did, after Mr. Silva's visit, put about 250 gallons into our concrete lined ingot cooling pit, where it evaporated.

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We are now putting in a pump and piping to put the acid water into our cooling tower for our Billet operation. We are in the process of getting a Brine Line trucking permit, and will be putting the above water in with our cooling tower blowdown water, and trucking it all to the Chino Basin District Brine Line.

This should take care of all of our water problems, and eliminate all objectionable water discharges to the ground.

Very truly yours,

*Lester E. Samstag*  
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General Manager

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